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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP

SUBJECT : PSB Staff Meeting, Wednesday, 18 February 1953

1. The future of the Southeast Asia plan was discussed, including the possibility that the plan be dropped or converted into a staff study. It was the opinion of both the Defense and State representatives that some sort of paper should be produced. As you know, our FE Division does not like the paper, and I shall sound out their views during the coming week.

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2. Mr. ████ announced that President Eisenhower had sent to the NSC a paper (NSC 143) proposing the formation of the "Volunteer Freedom Corps" as a means of utilizing escapees. The President proposes the establishment of an ad hoc committee, including a member of the PSB, to study the problem. I understand ████ has already informed you of ████ 25X1A plans to see Mr. C. D. Jackson concerning this committee.

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3. Mr. Godel, Defense, said that Mr. Kyes would present to the Board at its luncheon meeting on 19 February three papers calling for the PSB Staff (a) to consider the content of and the Government Agency responsible for the release of a press release on the subject of Communist "brain washing," and (b) to consider the preparation of a plan for a propaganda campaign based on the brain washing technique. A briefing statement recommending the referral of the proposal to the PSB was sent to Mr. Dulles on this subject yesterday.

4. ████ announced that a letter will be forthcoming from the PSB reminding the member agencies of the necessity for a semi-annual report on the progress of the U. S. psychological effort for the period, 1 January to 30 June 1953. He said that the NSC will want the PSB report on 1 August and that there was small likelihood of any delay in this date being allowed.

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5. ████ said that the Jackson Committee had requested from him an evaluation of the past operations of the PSB. He said that his answer would represent his personal opinion only and that advance copies would be sent to Board members.

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